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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Carol Morris *et al.*)
Application No. 09/367,009)
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For: Diagnosis of Disease Using Tears)

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 22, 2002 (Paper No. 15), please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the claims:

Please cancel claim 5 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 9 and 10 as follows:

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9. (Once Amended) The method according to claim 3 where the detecting step (c) involves direct or indirect analysis using labeled probes specific for a protein having a N-terminal amino acid sequence comprising SEQ ID NO: 3.

10. (Thrice Amended) An isolated protein which is detectable in tears and has a N-terminal amino acid sequence comprising SEQ ID NO: 3.

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the sequence